

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA:POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS FOR NINE MONTHS JAN.- SEPT., 1940.

Births - increase 125; Deaths - decrease 34; Marriages - increase 1,113.

POPULATION OF THE STATE. 30th June, 1940 - Total 596,973
Males 297,758; Females 299,215.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the nine months was 3,124 (2,965) an increase of 159.

BIRTHS. For the nine months 7,513 (7,388) Births were registered being 125 more than for the same period in 1939.
EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS 217 (211). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS - Twins 56 (70)
Triplets 1 (1).

ADOPTIONS AND LEGITIMATIONS - Under the Adoption Acts 125 (108) children were registered as adopted and 36 (24) children were legitimated under the Legitimation Acts after the marriage of their parents.

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the nine months numbered 5,092 (3,979) an increase of 1,113. Civil marriages numbered 472 (329) increase 143.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the nine months numbered 4,389 (4,423) a decrease of 34. Under 1 year 279 (257), increase 22.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATHS. (Table 6). Cancer 565 (532), Diseases of Heart 1,052 (1,006), Cerebral haemorrhage and softening 452 (414), Accidents 253 (302), Senility 221 (243), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 139 (163), Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c. 192 (163), Nephritis, Acute and Chronic 182 (200), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 34 (47), Pneumonia 234 (218), Diabetes mellitus 89 (108), Puerperal Causes 28 (25), Influenza 6 (20), Suicides 48 (50), Bronchitis 65 (55), Appendicitis 21 (25).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &c. For the nine months 253 (302) deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. decrease 49. Drowning 22 (29) Automobiles 99 (74), Railways and Tramways 11 (17), Other transport 13 (8), Injury from Falls 58 (43), Firearms 6 (5), Burns 7 (12), Excessive Heat 5 (76).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 279 (257) deaths were recorded for the nine months, being 22 more than for the same period in 1939. The principal causes were - Whooping Cough 6 (2), Bronchopneumonia and Pneumonia 38 (25), Diarrhoea & Enteritis 17 (29), Malformations 32 (30), Congenital debility &c. 8 (12), Premature Birth 83 (78), Injury at birth 24 (16), Other diseases of early infancy 31 (21), Excessive Heat 2 (9), and all other causes 38 (35), total 279 (257).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Numbers of cases notified during the nine months are as follows :- Diphtheria 455 (509), Erysipelas 85 (81), Influenza 46 (243), Measles 10,333 (419), Poliomyelitis 63 (2), Puerperal Fever 59 (49), Pulmonary Tuberculosis 207 (254), Scarlet Fever 159 (453), and Whooping Cough 1,523 (524).

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